GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:505
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DELETION OF WATER FROM CONCURRENT LIST
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with the Government to delete water from the concurrent list and include the same in the Union List of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is likely to affect the rights of States and citizens on natural resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No, Sir. Water, that is to say, water supplies, irrigation and canals, drainage and embankments, water storage and water power, subject to the provisions of Entry 56 of List-I (Union List), is with the State Governments as per Entry 17 List-II (State List) under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. However, as per Entry 56 of List-I, regulation and development of inter-State rivers and river valleys, to the extent to which such regulation and development under the control of the Union is declared by Parliament by law to be expedient in the public interest, is with the Union Government. There is no proposal with the Government to change any of these provisions in the Constitution.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.